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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/27/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a communication with Gayle A. Bush (Reg. No. 52, 677) on 04/05/06. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 25, line 1, "wherein the lower surface includes" has been changed to --wherein the lower surface of the movable blade includes--.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because prior art fails to teach that the lower surface of the movable blade defines a pair of lower reinforcing rims co-planar with the lower surface and including a pair of recessed portions extending outwardly from a respective one of the lower reinforcing rims and being recessed from the lower surface. The prior art also fails to teach that the upper surface of the movable blade includes a pair of upper reinforcing protrusions extending upwardly from the upper surface as set forth in claims 21, 33, and 35.

Regarding claims 21, 33, and 35, Trichell et al. (4,563,814), hereinafter Trichell and Laube (6,473,973) teach a hair clipper including a blade set and a drive mechanism having a drive finger. Trichell and Laube also teach that the blade set includes a fixed lower blade

having a forward edge with a series of teeth and upper and lower surfaces extending from the forward edge of the fixed blade. Trichell and Laude also teach a movable blade including a forward edge with a series of teeth and upper and lower surfaces extending from the forward edge of the movable upper blade. Trichell and Laude also teach a drive notch sized to receive the drive finger for movement of the forward edge of the movable blade in relation to the forward edge of the fixed blade during operation of the hair clipper. Trichell and Laude also teach that the drive notch includes two laterally spaced walls extending between the upper and lower surfaces of the movable blade. Trichell and Laude also teach that the movable blade includes a groove extending substantially parallel to the forward edge of the movable blade and includes chamfered ends. Trichell and Laude also teach that teaches a bias member engaging the grove to bias the movable blade against the fixed blade.

Trichell also teaches a pair of lead-in walls extending between the upper and lower surface of the movable blade.

However, neither Trichell nor Laude teaches that the lower surface of the movable blade defines a pair of lower reinforcing rims co-planar with the lower surface and including a pair of recessed portions extending outwardly from a respective one of the lower reinforcing rims and being recessed from the lower surface. Trichell and Laude also do not teach that the upper surface of the movable blade includes a pair of upper reinforcing protrusions extending upwardly from the upper surface as set forth in claims 21, 33, and 35.

None of these references by themselves or in combination with the other prior art cited teach the claimed invention set forth in claims 21, 33, and 35.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ghassem Alie whose telephone number is (571) 272-4501. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on (571) 272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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